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SUBJ: POPULATION GROWTH AND ADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION

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1. TO EMPHASIZE U.S. INTEREST IN SERIOUS EFFORTS TOWARDS INCREASING WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION CONCOMITANTLY WITH REDUCING POPULATION GROWTH, AMBASSADOR CALLED MAY 11 ON A.W. SYMMONDS, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER. AMBASSADOR URGED THAT BARBADOS TAKE LEADING ROLE AS SPOKESMAN FOR IMPROVING FOOD YIELDS AND FAMILY PLANNING IN EASTERN CARIBBEAN AS IT HAS SO EFFECTIVELY DONE WITH OTHER SUBJECTS. SYMMONDS AGREED THAT ENSURING ADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND INDICATED BARBADOS WILL DO WHAT IT CAN WITH RESPECT TO POPULATION PRESSURES AS OCCASIONS ARISE.

2. IN ABSENCE PRIME MINISTER GAIRY, WHO IS IN NEW YORK, DCM SPOKE WITH GLORIA PAYNE, PERMSEC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GRENADA. MS. PAYNE SAID THAT GRENADIAN GOVERNMENT VERY CONSCIOUS OF NEED TO EMPHASIZE AGRICULTURAL

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PRODUCTION WHILE RELATING SUCH EFFORTS TO CURBING POPULATION GROWTH. SHE SAID BEST ESTIMATE FOR CURRENT POPULATION GROWTH IN GRENADA WAS 1.6 PERCENT, THOUGH SHE DID NOT SEEM TERRIBLY SURE OF FIGURE, NOR WAS ANYONE ELSE IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. SHE SAID THAT CURRENT AGRICULTURAL EFFORTS HAD CONCENTRATED ON IMPORT SUBSTITUTION BUT EMPHASIS GRADUALLY SHIFTING TO EXPORT ORIENTED INDUSTRIES.

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